



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### E-learning course on air pollution effects under the UNECE Air-Convention



Forest monitoring station

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#### Background

Countries in the UNECE region are moving at different speeds and have different needs in air quality assessment and management. They are also at different levels when it comes to assessing ecosystem and health effects of air pollution. Since the establishment of the Working Group on Effects in 1980, research on the effects of air pollution has been carried out to provide information on the degree and geographic extent of the impacts of major air pollutants. The involvement of countries in the Western Balkan, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and in Central Asia in the effects-related work under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air-Convention) needs further strengthening.

#### Project details

To make the effects-related knowledge and expertise under the UNECE Air-Convention more accessible and to create an entry point for experts, a new [e-learning course on monitoring air pollution effects under the Convention](#) is now available. It makes the knowledge and experience of the Convention accessible, thereby supporting its work. The course provides experts in the UNECE region and beyond with an overview and an introduction to engage in the work under the Convention. The aim of the course is to impart knowledge on guidelines and methodological aspects of effects-related work within the framework of the Convention. This will support countries in the medium term in assessing the health and environmental impacts of air pollution at the national level. The course will hence strengthen capacities of experts at the national level and avoid loss of institutional memory.

The course builds on two other courses on the [UNECE Convention and its protocols](#) and on the [development of emission inventories](#) within the framework of the Convention.

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**Project region:** Western Balkan countries, Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia

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**Beneficiaries:** Experts in ministries, technical agencies or research institutes

**Implementing organisation:** UNECE

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